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Applicant: Werner Fritz DUBACH

Serial No.: 10/030,862

Filing Date: 03 June 2002

Title: TWO-PART PLASTIC SNAP  
HINGE CLOSURE

Group No.: 3727

Examiner: Robin A. Hylton

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 05 November 2003, Applicant offers the following provisional election.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute in this Patent Application the allegedly distinct species of Group I, directed to a two-part hinged closure. Claims 1-5, 8-16 and 19-24 are directed to the allegedly distinct species of Group I.

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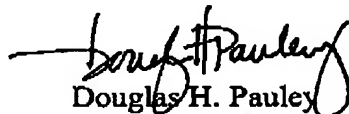
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Applicant argues that the limitations of Claim 6 do not contradict the limitations of Claim 1 because the two-part hinge closure still comprises the lower part (1) and the cap (2).

### Conclusion

Applicant believes that the above remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action mailed 05 November 2003. However, should the Examiner detect any remaining issue, Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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## COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 05 November 2003, Applicant filed a Response to Restriction Requirement by Certificate of Mailing dated 04 December 2003. On 22 June 2004, Examiner Hylton informed Applicant's undersigned attorney that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office shows no record of Applicant's Response to Restriction Requirement being filed. The Examiner

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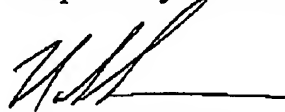
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requested Applicant send in a true copy of both the filed Response to Restriction Requirement and the return receipt postcard.

Applicant is faxing herewith a true copy of the Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages) filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by Certificate of Mailing on 04 December 2004, and a true copy of a return receipt postcard filed with the Response to Restriction Requirement, showing the receipt stamp of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant respectfully requests the Response to Restriction Requirement be entered as timely, without any extension fee, and the subject U.S. Patent Application be forwarded to the Examiner for review. Please contact the undersigned if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,



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- Response to Restriction Requirement (2 Pages)

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